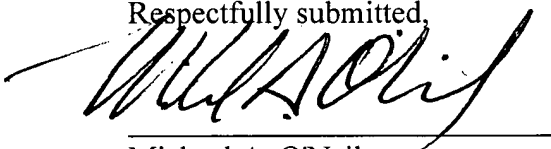


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review and approve the aforementioned amendments to Claim 1 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251.

Based on the above Amendment and the concurrently filed 37 CFR 1.173(c) Statement, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Claims 1-20. Should it facilitate allowance of the reissue patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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